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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 23 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998) and 1199 (1998)

Iraq

Other matters

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1390th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 748 (1992) CONCERNING THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

3.30 p.m.*	89th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/53/232);

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/53/233).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

   (a) Implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

      (i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

      (ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

      Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.12

   (b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

      Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.13

2. Environment and sustainable development [94]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.10 and L.11

3. Environment and sustainable development [94] (A/53/487, A/53/156-S/1998/78, A/53/25, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/416, A/53/425)

   (b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/53/449)

   (c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/53/65-E/1998/5, A/53/358)

   (d) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/53/451)

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/53/516)

   General discussion (continued)

3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Poom 2

[Panel discussion on "How to Achieve a Better Coherence and Improved Coordination among Environmental and Environment Related Conventions"; panellists: Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and Mr. Sam Johnston, Legal Affairs Officer (Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity) (Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.)]

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	24th meeting (resumed)	Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [94] (A/53/487, A/53/156-S/1998/78, A/53/25, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/ 95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/53/371-S/1998/ 848, A/53/416, A/53/425)

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(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/53/516)

General discussion (concluded)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108] (A/53/18, A/53/255, A/53/256, A/53/269, A/53/305, A/53/489*, A/C.3/53/2)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [109] (A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/280, A/53/338)

Introductory statements and general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Pattern of conferences [117] (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [125]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.12

3. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan [136]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.10

4. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [140]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.11

5. Programme planning [114]

6. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118] (A/C.5/53/28)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/C.5/53/23 and A/C.5/53/24))

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* Following the adjournment of the 12th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

International Court of Justice: Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials; Financial arrangements associated with the dining room at the International Court of Justice

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania) will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (agenda item 104) *today*, 23 October, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8, and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management will hold a special briefing for interested delegations on the report of the Secretary-General on human resources management reform (A/53/414) *today*, 23 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Following the adjournment of the special briefing, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management will apprise members of the Group of 77 and China on the current status of activities for the reform of human resources management.

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (Oceans and the Law of the Sea) will be held *today*, 23 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 23 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.- 10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 94 (e): Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa; item 94 (c): Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on item 104: Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

2 p.m.- 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Item 91 (d): External debt crisis and development)

2.30 p.m.- 3.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Item 91: Macroeconomic policy questions: Globalization; item 93: Cultural development; item 92 (a): Business and development; item 93 (c): Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat); and item 93(g): Cultural development)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, organized by the delegation of Poland, *today*, 23 October 1998, from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

A meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency", organized by the delegation of Slovenia, will be held *today*, 23 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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A meeting of all interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Illicit Traffic in Small Arms", organized by the delegation of South Africa, will be held *today*, 23 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4.

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A meeting of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 42 (Assistance in mine clearance), organized by the delegation of Austria, will be held *today*, 23 October 1998, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 26 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 43rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Election to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/440) [16 (a)].

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/109) [17 (h)].

3. Elimination of coercive measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: draft resolution (A/53/L.7/Rev.1) [51].

4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/521) [112] .

5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/533) [112 and 119].

6. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522) [143 (a)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be an informal presentation by Professor Johannes A. van Ginkel, Rector of the United Nations University, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Adjusting the Role of Governments to Globalization" will be held on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panellists will be Mr. Shabbir G. Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP, and Ms. Cheryl Gray, Manager of Public Sector Management Unit, World Bank. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

A briefing on next year's Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, UNISPACE III (Vienna, 19-30 July 1999), convened as a special session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), will be given by the Office for Outer Space Affairs and Ambassador Peter Jankowitch, Special Representative and national coordinator of Austria for UNISPACE III, immediately after the adjournment of the 11th plenary meeting of the Fourth Committee on Monday, 26 October 1998, in the afternoon, in Conference Room 4. Information will be provided, *inter alia*, on the participation of the private sector, organizational aspects of the planned space exhibition, as well as accompanying events like Space Generation Forum, for young professionals and students. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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The Committee on Information will resume its twentieth session on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Trusteeship Council Chamber. Following the formal opening of the meeting and introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of United Nations international radio broadcasting capacity (A/AC.198/1998/4)*, the Committee will begin informal consultations on this report.

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* To be issued.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences will be open beginning Monday, 26 October, until Monday, 2 November.

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TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

The sixty-second session of the Trusteeship Council will be convened on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 108: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination)* on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 1.45 p.m. Conference Room 9.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 1.45 p.m. Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, of Parliamentarians attending the fifty-third session of the General Assembly on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Miguel Angel Martínez, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Council. All Parliamentarians are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations for interested delegations will be held on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8, to discuss a draft resolution relating to the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (agenda item 85).

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There will be informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal briefing

There will be a briefing by Mr. Alan Simcock of the British Government's Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the Second London Oceans Workshop, which is being sponsored jointly by the United Kingdom and Brazil in December 1998, to assist the preparations for the 1999 session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The briefing will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Symposium

A symposium on "De-alerting of Nuclear Weapons", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions and representatives of interested organizations are invited to attend.

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Seminars

The first seminar of the economic governance seminar series on the theme "Towards a More Differentiated Perspective on Industrial Policy", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration (DPEPA) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A. Prof. Richard Nelson, Columbia University, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 22 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

42nd plenary meeting

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/357) [7]

The General Assembly took note of document A/53/357.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [27]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/434);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.11)

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.11.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 477 (V) of 1 November 1950, the observer for the League of Arab States made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.11 (resolution 53/8).

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 27.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States [21]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/272 and Add.1);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.10/Rev.1)

The representative of Honduras made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.10/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States) and Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 253 (III) of 16 October 1948, the observer for the Organization of American States made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.10/Rev.1 (resolution 53/9).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 21.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/420) [25]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the agenda item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System" to its fifty-fourth session and to include it in the provisional agenda of that session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 25.

Report of the Security Council (A/53/2) [11]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 11.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, Jamaica, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Belarus, Uruguay and Tunisia.

The representative of Burkina Faso made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council (A/53/2).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 11.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee [80]

The Committee heard statements by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and associated States), Australia, India, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Egypt, South Africa, Algeria and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee also considered its organizational work.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 10th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [82]

The Chairman made an opening statement during the course of which he drew attention to the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, contained in document A/53/20, as well as the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/53/265.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia and the associated country, Cyprus), Tunisia, Japan, Kazakhstan, the Syrian Arab Republic, India, Malaysia and China.

The representative of Chile, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, introduced the report of the Committee (A/53/20).

The Chairman made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item at 6 p.m. the same day.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Joint session of the Second Committee and the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD

The Committee held a joint video-conference session (Geneva-New York) with the high-level segment of the Trade and Development Board, on the theme "The ripple effects and lessons to be learnt from the financial crisis on trade, investment and development: regional perspectives." The event included welcoming remarks of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Mr. Rubens Ricupero, and H. E. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of the high-level segment of the Trade and Development Board, H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi, Ambassador (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Chairman of the Second Committee, and Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

The panellists (on the Geneva side) were the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Regional Commission for Europe (ECE), Mr. Yves Berthelot, for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, and Mr. Ali Abdel Gader Ali, Director, Economic and Social Policy Division (ECA), Mr. André van Heemstra, Vice-President, Asia and the Pacific, (Unilever); (on the New York side) Ms. Joyce Cornell, Managing Director, Scudder Kemper Investments, Inc., and Mr. Robert D. Hormats, Vice-Chairman, Goldman Sachs International.

The representatives of India, Indonesia, St. Lucia, Benin and Yemen, in New York, and the representatives of the European Commission and the Islamic Republic of Iran, in Geneva, posed questions to the panellists. Mr. Robert Hormats, Ms. Joyce Cornell, as well as the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, responded to questions raised.

Closing remarks were made by H.E. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and by Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

22nd meeting

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Introductory statements were made by the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention on Climate Change, the Executive Secretary of the Convention to Combat Desertification, the representative of the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the Chief of Branch of the Division for Sustainable Development of DESA.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Benin (on behalf of the African States group), Brazil (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay), the Russian Federation, Norway, Barbados (on behalf of AOSIS), Australia, Ethiopia, Maldives, India, Guyana (on behalf of CARICOM), Malta, the Republic of Korea, Costa Rica (also on behalf of the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama) and Israel.

THIRD COMMITTEE 21st and 22nd meetings

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Tunisia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Venezuela, Maldives, Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ecuador, Kyrgyzstan, Jordan, Israel, Qatar and Malaysia.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Eritrea and Ethiopia.

The Committee then concluded its general discussion of the item.

Advancement of women [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.10

The representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, China, Colombia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Georgia, Ireland, Namibia, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Poland, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, the United Kingdom, the United States, Uruguay and Viet Nam, introduced and corrected the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.11

The representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Burkino Faso, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Hungary, Israel, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Nicaragua and Nigeria, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.12

The representative of Norway introduced the draft resolution and announced that Argentina, Bolivia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, Panama, the Philippines, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, France, Greece, Hungary, Malawi, Mali, Portugal, Rwanda, South Africa, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Venezuela and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.13

The representative of Australia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cameroon, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, France, Guyana, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Netherlands, San Marino, Slovenia, Solomon Island, Sweden, Turkmenistan, the United Kingdom and Viet Nam, introduced the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bolivia, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jamaica, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, the Republic of Moldova, Singapore, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Trinidad and Tobago joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft proposals

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.8

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group) orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.9

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Italy further orally revised the draft resolution.

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, the Bahamas, Barbados, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Colombia, Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guyana, Jamaica, Liberia, Mongolia, Panama, Poland, Solomon Islands, Togo and Trinidad and Tobago joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

International drug control [102]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.7

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Benin, Botswana, Cape Verde, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guinea, Guyana, Israel, Lesotho, Liberia, Mali, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Togo, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 11th and 12th meetings

Establishment of an international criminal court [153]

Statements were made by the delegations of Slovenia, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Hungary, India, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Armenia, Sweden, Canada, Venezuela, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Pakistan, Israel, Australia, Cyprus, Portugal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Liechtenstein, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ireland, Cameroon, the Netherlands, Poland, Guinea, Uruguay, Uganda, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Ghana, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, Honduras (on behalf of Central American States and the Dominican Republic), Lebanon, Jordan, Georgia, Nigeria, the Sudan, Djibouti, Indonesia, Turkey, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Germany, Malta, Cuba, Ecuador, Sierra Leone and Haiti.

The observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross also made a statement.

The representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cyprus, Uganda and Turkey made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 1998

1706th and 1707th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of Belgium (CCPR/C/94/Add.3).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Slovenia (21 October 1998)

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, 27 March 1998

Signature: Uruguay (21 October 1998)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Denmark (25 September 1998)
Signature: Angola (7 October 1998)
Signature: Austria (7 October 1998)
Signature: Costa Rica (7 October 1998)
Signature: Djibouti (7 October 1998)
Signature: Ecuador (7 October 1998)
Signature: Eritrea (7 October 1998)
Signature: Finland (7 October 1998)
Signature: Honduras (7 October 1998)
Signature: Ireland (7 October 1998)
Signature: Jordan (7 October 1998)
Signature: New Zealand (7 October 1998)
Signature: Paraguay (7 October 1998)
Signature: Portugal (7 October 1998)
Signature: Slovenia (7 October 1998)
Signature: Sweden (7 October 1998)
Signature: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (7 October 1998)
Signature: Croatia (12 October 1998)
Signature: Luxembourg (13 October 1998)
Signature: Venezuela (14 October 1998)
Signature: Cyprus (15 October 1998)
Signature: Sierra Leone (17 October 1998)

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Acceptance: Argentina (21 October 1998)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Acceptance: Argentina (21 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during the Disarmament Week of 1998 from 26 to 29 October 1998, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. On Tuesday, 27 October, there will be panels at 10 a.m. on the theme "How Can We Make Progress Towards Nuclear Disarmament and Prevent Further Proliferation" and at 2.30 p.m. on the theme "Non-Governmental Initiatives."

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Special events

A United Nations Day concert of classical music will be held *today*, 23 October 1998, at 4 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Philharmonie der Nationen, with Justus Frantz conducting, will perform works by Beethoven and Rimsky-Korsakov. H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti Badán, President of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Dr. Dieter Kastrup, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, will make statements. The concert is co-sponsored by the Government of Germany and the Department of Public Information (DPI). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media will be admitted on presentation of a valid grounds pass.

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A special event will take place on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to launch the volume "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years and Beyond" published by Baywood Publishing Company, for and on behalf of the United Nations.

The event is co-sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa and Sweden, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information, as well as several non-governmental organizations.

The event will include statements of the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other contributors to the book. Ambassador William J. Vanden Heuvel, Chairman, United States Coordinating Committee for UDHR50, will be the guest speaker. All delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Information Fair

The Annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, is being held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until *today*, 23 October 1998. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

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New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

On Tuesday, 27 October 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights". The denominations of the new stamps will be 32 cents, 55 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 4.50 and S 7. A souvenir card will also be issued on the same theme. The new stamps, souvenir card, first day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on 27 October from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card are available in Information Circular ST/IC/1998/63.

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Training programme

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library would like to announce the beginning of its fall Internet training programme. To register or for further information, please contact the Library (tel.: 963-7355) or send an e-mail at the following address: dhlpubh@un.org

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 24 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998) and 1199 (1998) (S/1998/992)*

Other matters

* With a view to a formal meeting following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

Monday, 26 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 748 (1992) CONCERNING THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

3.30 p.m.*	89th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 43rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Election to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/440) [16 (a)].

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/109) [17 (h)].

3. Elimination of coercive measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: draft resolution (A/53/L.7/Rev.1) [51].

4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/521) [112] .

5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/533) [112 and 119].

6. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522) [143 (a)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. 11th meeting Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [82] (A/53/20, A/53/265)

General debate

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Afternoon*-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

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* Following the adjournment of the briefing given by the Office for Outer Space Affairs and the Special Representative and National Coordinator of Austria for UNISPACE III (see p. 4).

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 25th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.14

2. Environment and sustainable development [94] (A/53/487, A/53/156-S/1998/78, A/53/25, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/416, A/53/425)

(b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/53/449)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/53/65-E/1998/5, A/53/358)

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/53/451)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/53/516)

General discussion (concluded)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on agenda item 95 (Operational activities for development) (A/C.2/53/L.8).

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* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108] (A/53/18, A/53/255, A/53/256, A/53/269, A/53/305, A/53/489*)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [109] (A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/280, A/53/338)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118] (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507)

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* Following the consideration by the General Assembly of the reports of the Fifth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994
2. Executive session on the International Court of Justice
3. The impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Sixty-second session

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	1707th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Election of the President and the Vice-President
3. Other matters

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Briefings

SECOND COMMITTEE

There will be an informal presentation by Professor Johannes A. van Ginkel, Rector of the United Nations University, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

A briefing on next year's Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, UNISPACE III (Vienna, 19-30 July 1999), convened as a special session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), will be given by the Office for Outer Space Affairs and Ambassador Peter Jankowitch, Special Representative and National Coordinator of Austria for UNISPACE III, immediately after the adjournment of the 11th plenary meeting of the Fourth Committee on Monday, 26 October 1998, in the afternoon, in Conference Room 4. Information will be provided, *inter alia*, on the participation of the private sector, organizational aspects of the planned space exhibition, as well as accompanying events like Space Generation Forum, for young professionals and students. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 26 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

LATIN AMERICAN GROUP AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 94 (e): Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa; and item 94 (a): Implementation of the follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21)

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

1 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on item 104: Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on item 108: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 91 (a): Trade and development)

3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 91: Macroeconomic policy questions: Globalization; 93 (c): Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II); and 93(g): Cultural development)

4.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY COUNCIL MATTERS

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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The informal consultations, organized by the delegation of Ireland, will be held on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of Legal Advisers on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, of Parliamentarians attending the fifty-third session of the General Assembly on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Miguel Angel Martínez, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Council. All Parliamentarians are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations for interested delegations will be held on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8, to discuss a draft resolution relating to the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (agenda item 85).

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There will be informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal briefing

There will be a briefing by Mr. Alan Simcock of the British Government's Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the Second London Oceans Workshop, which is being sponsored jointly by the United Kingdom and Brazil in December 1998, to assist the preparations for the 1999 session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The briefing will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Symposium

A symposium on "De-alerting of Nuclear Weapons", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions and representatives of interested organizations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 27 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	44th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Court of Justice (A/53/4) [13].

2. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Adjusting the Role of Governments to Globalization" will be held on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panellists will be Mr. Shabbir G. Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP, and Ms. Cheryl Gray, Manager of Public Sector Management Unit, World Bank. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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The Committee on Information will resume its twentieth session on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Following the formal opening of the meeting and introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of United Nations international radio broadcasting capacity (A/AC.198/1998/4)*, the Committee will begin informal consultations on this report.

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* To be issued.

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The 194th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to review the draft annual report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1998/CRP.1 and CRP.2). The meeting will be open to observers.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences will be open beginning Monday, 26 October, until Monday, 2 November.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee on item 108 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination) on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The second meeting of Legal Advisers will take place on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Briefing

There will be an informal meeting on action against corruption and bribery, under agenda item 92 (a) (Business and development), on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 9.45 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Seminars

The first seminar of the economic governance seminar series on the theme "Towards a More Differentiated Perspective on Industrial Policy", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration (DPEPA) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A. Prof. Richard Nelson, Columbia University, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 23 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 3rd meeting of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/206).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 14th meeting

The Committee began its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80).

Statements were made by the representatives of Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, Israel and Brazil.

SECOND COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Environment and sustainable development [94]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.11

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia introduced, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as on behalf of the sponsors listed, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.11.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic cooperation, in particular the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries

(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.12

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 93 (a).

The representative of Indonesia introduced, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.12.

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.13

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 93 (b).

The representative of Ukraine introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed and the United States, who joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

The Committee continued consideration of the items and heard statements by the observer of the Holy See and the representatives of Turkey, New Zealand, Kenya, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Senegal, Trinidad and Tobago, Pakistan, Slovakia, Iceland, Slovenia, Kuwait, Guatemala, Namibia, Tunisia and China.

The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

The representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization made a statement.

The representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development made a statement.

24th meeting

Panel discussion on "How to achieve a better coherence and improved coordination among environmental and environment related Conventions".

The Chairman welcomed the panellists and made a statement.

The panellists were Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and Mr. Sam Johnston, Legal Affairs Officer, Secretariat of the Convention on Bio-Diversity.

The representatives of Germany, India, Japan, the United States, Austria, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Marshall Islands and Brazil, as well as the representatives of the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Development Programme posed questions to the panellists. The panellists responded to questions raised by delegations and made concluding remarks.

The Chairman made concluding remarks.

24th (resumed) meeting

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Burundi, Mexico, Ukraine, the Sudan, Guinea, Chile, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Niger and the Philippines.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement of clarification for the record.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to postpone the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under agenda item 94 (a) to Monday, 26 October, at 6 p.m, and agenda item 91 until Tuesday, 27 October at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard introductory statements by the Special Rapporteur on Measures to Combat Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, the Special Rapporteur on the Use of Mercenaries to Undermine the Right of Peoples to Self-determination and the Deputy to the Director, New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The three introductory speakers responded to questions raised by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Fiji.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Ukraine, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Norway, the Russian Federation and Pakistan.

Organization of work

It was announced that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under items 108 and 109 had been extended to Wednesday, 28 October, at 6 p.m.

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Addendum to the summary of the 21st and 22nd meetings of the Third Committee (see *Journal* 1998/204, p. 12): the following text should be added at the beginning of the summary:

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Kazakhstan, San Marino, Yemen, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Australia, Liechtenstein, the Czech Republic, the Philippines, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chile, Colombia, Ghana, Cyprus, Norway, Mali, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

The representative of the World Health Organization made a statement.

A statement was also made by the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, responded to points raised during the discussion.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 12th meeting

Pattern of conferences [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Russian Federation, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, China, Bangladesh, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Republic of Korea, Mozambique, Kenya, Canada, Egypt, the United States and Uganda.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Monday, 26 October, in the afternoon, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Ms. Radhia Achouri (Tunisia).

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Canada, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.12.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan [136]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.10.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [140]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.11.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uganda, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, made a statement and informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

Following a statement by the representative of Uganda, the Chairman proposed to address a letter to the Chairmen of the other Main Committees requesting their comments on the relevant proposed revisions to the medium-term plan that had not been submitted to the attention of sectoral and regional bodies, specifically Programme 1 (Political affairs), Programme 3 (Peaceful uses of outer space), Programme 13 (International drug control), Programme 18 (Economic and social development in Western Asia), Programme 20 (Humanitarian assistance), Programme 26 (Disarmament) and Programme 28 (Economic and Social affairs).

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Cuba.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the proposal put forth by the Chairman of the Committee.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 22 October 1998 addressed to him by the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/53/28) transmitting a letter from the Permanent Representatives of Iraq.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba, the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Sudan, the Republic of the Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania, China and Indonesia.

The representative of Ireland, coordinator of informal consultations, informed the Committee of the results of informal consultations hold on the question.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee agreed to consider the application for exemption to Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations (A/C.5/53/28) submitted by Iran, together with those in documents A/C.5/53/23 and A/C.5/53/24, during informal consultations.

Other matters

At the request of the President of the Coordinating Committee for Independent Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations (CCISUA) and the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Association (FICSA) and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, the Committee decided, without a vote, to invite the representatives of CCISUA and FICSA to make oral statements in connection with agenda items 119 and 120.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Cuba and Costa Rica regarding the security procedures at the United Nations garage.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Cuba, Costa Rica, Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). Geneva, 1 July 1970

Accession: Uzbekistan (22 October 1998)*

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. New York, 21 November 1947

Application to ICAO and IMO: Slovenia (21 October 1998)*

Convention on the Taxation of Road Vehicles engaged in International Goods Transport. Geneva, 14 December 1956

Accession: Uzbekistan (22 October 1998)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Niger (23 October 1998)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Antigua and Barbuda (23 October 1998)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during the Disarmament Week of 1998 from 26 to 29 October 1998, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. On Tuesday, 27 October, there will be panels at 10 a.m. on the theme "How Can We Make Progress Towards Nuclear Disarmament and Prevent Further Proliferation" and at 2.30 p.m. on the theme "Non-Governmental Initiatives."

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Special event

A special event will take place on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to launch the volume "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years and Beyond" published by Baywood Publishing Company, for and on behalf of the United Nations.

The event is co-sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa and Sweden, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information, as well as several non-governmental organizations.

The event will include statements of the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other contributors to the book. Ambassador William J. Vanden Heuvel, Chairman, United States Coordinating Committee for UDHR50, will be the guest speaker. All delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

On Tuesday, 27 October 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights". The denominations of the new stamps will be 32 cents, 55 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 4.50 and S 7. A souvenir card will also be issued on the same theme. The new stamps, souvenir card, first day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on 27 October from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card are available in Information Circular ST/IC/1998/63.

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Training programme

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library would like to announce the beginning of its fall Internet training programme. To register or for further information, please contact the Library (tel.: 963-7355) or send an e-mail at the following address: dhlpubh@un.org

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari

Asian States:
Nepal
H.E. Mr. Narendra Bikram Shah

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mrs. Cristina Aguiar

Western European and Other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Addendum

Monday, 26 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Bosnia and Herzegovina (S/1998/947)

Briefing by Mr. Carlos Westendorp, High Representative for Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina

Iraq

Other matters

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Saturday, 24 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3937th meeting

Letter dated 11 March 1998 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/223)

Letter dated 27 March 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/272)

Report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to resolutions 1160 (1998) and 1199 (1998) of the Security Council (S/1998/912)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Germany, Italy, Poland and Ukraine, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/992, which had been submitted by Bahrain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representative of Poland for the current Chairmanship-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and by the representative of Ukraine.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/992) before it.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Portugal, Costa Rica, Sweden, Slovenia, Kenya, the Gambia, Japan, Gabon, Brazil and the Russian Federation, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/992) received 13 votes in favour, none against and two abstentions (China and the Russian Federation), and was adopted as resolution 1203 (1998).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, the United States and France.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 27 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1998/997)

Sierra Leone (S/1998/960)

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	44th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Court of Justice (A/53/4) [13].

2. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24].

3 p.m.	45th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108] (A/53/18, A/53/255, A/53/256, A/53/269, A/53/305, A/53/489*)
2. Right of peoples to self-determination [109] (A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/280, A/53/338)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

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* To be issued.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [82] (A/53/20, A/53/265, A/C.4/53/L.7)

General debate

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 am.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507))

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.6 (Industrial development cooperation (item 92 (b)); A/C.2/53/L.12 (Declaration on International Economic Cooperation and the Fourth International Development Decade (item 93 (a)); and A/C.2/53/L.13 (Economies in transition (item 93 (b))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Morning*-1 p.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10)

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* Immediately following the consideration by the General Assembly of the report of the International Court of Justice (agenda item 13).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. The impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures
2. Revolving Credit Fund

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

Twentieth session

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Committee on Information.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Adjusting the Role of Governments to Globalization" will be held *today*, 27 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panellists will be Mr. Shabbir G. Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP, and Ms. Cheryl Gray, Manager of Public Sector Management Unit, World Bank. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania) will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (agenda item 104) *today*, 27 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 27 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 94: United Nations Environment Programme)

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104: Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 108: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination)

2 p.m.-4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (b): The financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially in the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4); and 93(g): Cultural development)

3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 16th meeting of the First Committee.

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The second meeting of Legal Advisers will be held *today*, 27 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Briefings

There will be an information meeting concerning a First Committee draft resolution on the status of the Biological Weapons Convention *today*, 27 October 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m in Conference Room B.

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There will be an informal meeting on action against corruption and bribery, under agenda item 92 (a) (Business and development), *today*, 27 October 1998, at 9.45 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) will be held *today*, 27 October 1998, at 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 28 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 46th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/53/250/Add.1)* [8].

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [28]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/458);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.12).

3 p.m. 47th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the third annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/53/429) [50].

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* To be issued.

Committees

	FIRST COMMITTEE			SECOND COMMITTEE	
10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 4	3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2
	SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)			THIRD COMMITTEE	
			10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4	3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the "Implementation of the Outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)" will be held on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Valentino Castellani, Mayor of Turin, Italy; Mr. Shabbir Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP; Mr. Millard Fuller, President, Habitat for Humanity; Professor Robert Geddes, Former President, American Institute of Architects (AIA) (New York Chapter), Professor Emeritus and former Dean, School of Architecture (Princeton University); and Dr. Irene Wiese v. Ofen, President, International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP). Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi and Acting Executive Director, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), will act as the Moderator of the panel discussion. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, beginning on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance); Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Former Yugoslavia); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons);

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr.Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 194th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to review the draft annual report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1998/CRP.1 and CRP.2). The meeting will be open to observers.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences is open beginning until Monday, 2 November.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 175th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq an Kuwait will be held on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Room.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation, to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Satus of Women, will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. The conference room will be announced in the *Journal*. A revised version of the non-paper is available for pick-up in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Seminars

The first seminar of the economic governance seminar series on the theme "Towards a More Differentiated Perspective on Industrial Policy", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration (DPEPA) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A. Prof. Richard Nelson, Columbia University, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/53/L.13 entitled "Small Arms", organized by the delegation of Japan, will be held on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 23 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Democratic Republic the Congo (A/53/232)

The representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo" (A/53/232).

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Lesotho and Mexico.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Rwanda, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Rwanda made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-third session.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/53/233)

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Dialogue among civilizations" (A/53/233).

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Lesotho, Armenia and Mongolia.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Italy and India, at their request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy and India.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-third session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Monday, 26 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

43rd plenary meeting

Election to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/440) [16 (a)]

Since the number of candidates nominated by the Economic and Social Council from among the African States, the Asian States, and the Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to or did not exceed the number of seats to be filled in each of those regions, Benin, China, Egypt, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Uruguay were declared elected members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1999.

In view of the remaining two vacancies to be filled from among the African States and the Western European and Other States, the General Assembly decided to retain sub-item (a) of agenda item 16 on the agenda of its fifty-third session.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 16.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/109) [17 (h)]

The President announced that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, Japan would be requested to propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The President further announced that he would submit a candidate to the General Assembly for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit after holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 17.

Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: draft resolution (A/53/L.7/Rev.1) [51]

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.7/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ghana, Cuba, Iraq, Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Burkina Faso, Qatar, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, South Africa, Namibia, Nigeria (on behalf of the African States) and Malaysia.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Turkey and Austria (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia).

By 80 votes to 2, with 67 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.7/Rev.1 (resolution 53/10).

Statements in explanation of vote after vote were made by the representatives of Canada, Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Bolivia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 51.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/521) [112]

The General Assembly adopted the two draft decisions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/521).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 112.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/533) [112 and 119]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/533) (resolution 53/11).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 112 and 119.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522) [143 (a)]

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/522) (resolution 53/12).

Statements in explanation of vote after vote were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Norway and Cuba.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 143.

Tentative programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/53/3/Add.2 which contains a tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings from 26 October to 10 December 1998.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 15th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80).

A statement was made by the representative of Mozambique.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 11th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [82]

The Chairman drew members' attention to the text of the Concepción Declaration (A/C.4/53/8) issued at the Regional Preparatory Conference for the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space held in Chile.

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mexico, Pakistan, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, Ecuador, the United States, Indonesia, Cuba, the Russian Federation and Venezuela.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

The Committee continued consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria and Egypt.

The representative of the United Nations Development Programme made a statement.

The representative of the World Meteorological Organization also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under agenda item 94 (b), (c), (d) and (e) was Wednesday, 28 October, at 1 p.m.

It was stated that the next formal meeting of the Committee would be on Wednesday, 28 October, at 3 p.m. for consideration of agenda item 96 (a), which would be followed by consideration of agenda item 97.

THIRD COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Senegal, Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Ecuador, Algeria, Cuba, and Turkey.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. David Etuket (Uganda), introduced the report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to close the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item at 6 p.m. the same day.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus), Belarus, Japan, Mexico and the United States.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Costa Rica.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 12th meeting of the Fifth Committee (see *Journal* No. 1998/205, p. 12): the last paragraph under "*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations* [118]" should read as follows:

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee agreed to consider the application for exemption to Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations (A/C.5/53/28) submitted by *Iraq*, together with those in documents A/C.5/53/23 and A/ C.5/53/24, during informal consultations.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. João Clemente Baena Soares, introduced chapters I to V of the report of the Commission.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mali, Guatemala and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

The Chairman also spoke.

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TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Sixty-second session

1707th meeting

Opening of the session

The sixty-second session of the Council was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Council adopted the provisional agenda contained in document T/1987.

Election of the President and Vice-President [2]

The Council elected, by acclamation, Mr. Yves Doutriaux (France) as President and Mr. Stewart Eldon (United Kingdom) as Vice-President of the Council.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 1998

Segment for high-level participation: the impact of financial crisis on trade, investment and development: regional perspectives [2]

The Board met in a high-level segment to examine issues related to "The Impact of Financial Crisis on Trade, Investment and Development: Regional Perspectives." The high-level segment was presided over and opened by H.E. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand. Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD made an introductory statement.

A panel discussion on the theme "The Asian Epicentre" followed with the participation of the following panellists: Dato' Wan Malek Ibrahim, Managing Director, Malaysian Airlines; Ms. Dewi Motik Pramono, Vice-President, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN); Ms. Montigan Lovichit, CEO, T. Shinawatra Thai Silk; Mr. Stephen Pursey, Chief Economist, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; Mr. Hazam El-Beblawi, Executive Secretary, ESCWA; and Mr. Adrianus Mooy, Executive Secretary, ESCAP.

A floor debate followed with the participation of Mrs. Henryka Bochniary, Senior Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Polish Business Table in Poland; the Ambassador of China; H.E. Mr. Vijay S. Makhan, Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of African Union; the representative of Japan; the Ambassador of Austria (on behalf of the European Union); Mr. Manuel Valencia, Director General of International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain; the representative of the United States of America; the Ambassador of Egypt and a representative of the International Labour Organization.

This was followed by a reply from the six panellists.

The afternoon session was held jointly with the Second Committee of the General Assembly through interactive video-conference between Geneva and New York, on the theme "The ripple effect and lessons to be learnt from the crisis." H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chairman of the Second Committee of the General Assembly, made a brief statement. This was followed by a short statement by Mr. Natim Desai, Under Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. H.E. Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi made a summary of the morning session for the benefit of the Second Committee in New York.

Presentations were then made by the following panellists: Mr. André R. van Heemstra, President, East Asia Pacific Group, Unilever; Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Executive Secretary, ECLAC; Mr. Ali Gadir Ali, Director, Economic and Social Policy Division, ECA; Ms. Joyce Cornell, Managing Director, Scudder Kemper Investments Inc. (via video link); Mr. Yves Berthelot, Executive Secretary, ECE and Mr. Robert D. Hormats, Vice-Chairman, Goldman Sachs International (via video link).

A floor debate followed with the participation in Geneva of Mr. Bernard Petit, Director of the European Commission for Economic and Trade Cooperation, and the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and from New York of a Member of Parliament for India and the representatives of Indonesia, Saint Lucia, Benin and Yemen.

This was followed by a closing statement by Mr. Rubens Ricupero, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Ratification: Rwanda (22 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during the Disarmament Week of 1998 until Thursday, 29 October, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. *Today*, 27 October, there will be panels at 10 a.m. on the theme "How Can We Make Progress Towards Nuclear Disarmament and Prevent Further Proliferation?" and at 2.30 p.m. on the theme "Non-Governmental Initiatives."

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New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

Today, 27 October 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights". The denominations of the new stamps will be 32 cents, 55 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 4.50 and S 7. A souvenir card will also be issued on the same theme. The new stamps, souvenir card, first day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today* from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card are available in Information Circular ST/IC/1998/63.

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Special event

A special event will take place on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to launch the volume "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years and Beyond" published by Baywood Publishing Company, for and on behalf of the United Nations.

The event is co-sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa and Sweden, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information, as well as several non-governmental organizations.

The event will include statements of the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other contributors to the book. Ambassador William J. Vanden Heuvel, Chairman, United States Coordinating Committee for UDHR50, will be the guest speaker. All delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Training programme

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library would like to announce the beginning of its fall Internet training programme. To register or for further information, please contact the Library (tel.: 963-7355) or send an e-mail at the following address: dhlpubh@un.org

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 28 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1998/997)

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	46th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/53/250/Add.1) [8].

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [28]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/458);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.12).

(continued overleaf)

3 p.m. 47th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the third annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/53/429) [50].

2. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24].

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 26th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.14

2. Environment and sustainable development [94]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.17

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.15

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.16

3. Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997/2006) [98]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.18

4. Training and research [96]

(a) United Nations University (A/53/31, Suppl. No. 31, A/53/408, A/53/392 and Add.1)

Introductory statements and general discussion

5. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [97] (A/53/163-E/1998/79, A/53/72-E/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

Introductory statement and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107] (A/53/282, A/53/310)

Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 am.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]

Human resources management [119]

Human resources management reform (A/53/414)

Address by the Secretary-General

2. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118] (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28)

Continuation of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	15th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10 and Corr.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL)

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania) will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (agenda item 104) *today*, 28 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Announcement

The compilation of proposals in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.8 on the triennial policy review will be available by noon *today*, 28 October 1998, in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 28 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104: Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (a): Trade and development; and item93 (e): Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990's)

10 a.m.-11.15 a.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 108: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 94: United Nations Environment Programme)

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 95: Triennial policy review (A/C.2/53/L.8))

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 92 (a): Business and development (A/C.2/53/L.7))

3 p.m.-4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 95: Triennial policy review (A/C.2/53/L.8))

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Informal consultations

The informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development), which were scheduled for *today*, 28 October 1998, have been postponed until Thursday, 29 October, at 3 p.m,. and will be held in Conference Room 8.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency", organized by the delegation of Slovenia, will be held *today*, 28 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B.

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Seminar

The first seminar of the economic governance seminar series on the theme "Towards a More Differentiated Perspective on Industrial Policy", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration (DPEPA) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place *today*, 28 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A. Prof. Richard Nelson, Columbia University, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 48th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/53/298/Add.2) [8].
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee [22]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/306);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.9).
3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [34]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/435);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.14).
4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference [26]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/430);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.13).
5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/419) [35].
6. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [23]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/275 and Add.1);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.15).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 4
Afternoon*	informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the First Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the "Implementation of the Outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)" will be held on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Ali Boulinan, Mayor from Tunisia, representing the World Assembly of Cities and Local Authorities Coordination (WACLAC); Mr. Valentino Castellani, Mayor of Turin, Italy; Mr. Shabbir Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP; Mr. Millard Fuller, President, Habitat for Humanity, Professor Robert Geddes, Former President, American Institute of Architects (AIA) (New York Chapter), Professor Emeritus and former Dean, School of Architecture, Princeton University; and Dr. Irene Wiese v. Ofen, President, International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP). Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi and Acting Executive Director, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), and Mr. Burak Özügergin, Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will be co-chairs of the panel discussion. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. Copies of the preliminary draft can be obtained in room S-2950.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, beginning on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance); Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Former Yugoslavia); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons);

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 194th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to review the draft annual report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1998/CRP.1 and CRP.2). The meeting will be open to observers.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences is open until Monday, 2 November.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation, to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. The conference room will be announced in the *Journal*. A revised version of the non-paper is available for pick-up in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on item 95: Triennial policy review (A/C.2/53/L.8))* on Thursday, 29 October 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on illicit traffic in small arms, organized by the delegation of South Africa, on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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Seminars

A seminar on the theme "Roll Back Malaria Global Partnership", organized by WHO, UNDP, UNICEF and the World Bank, will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6. Speakers will include Mr. David Nabarro, newly appointed Project Manager of Roll Back Malaria, WHO; Mr. Ok Pannenborg, Sector Leader, Health Population and Nutrition, Africa Region, World Bank; Mr. Kopano Mukelabai, Senior Health Adviser, UNICEF; and a representative from the Social Development and Poverty Elimination Division, UNDP. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/53/L.13 entitled "Small Arms", organized by the delegation of Japan, will be held on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Briefing

The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 27 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

44th plenary meeting

Report of the International Court of Justice (A/53/4) [13]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice (A/53/4).

The President of the International Court of Justice made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Pakistan, Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Uruguay, Guatemala and Ecuador.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 13.

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24]

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh, Japan and Malawi.

45th plenary meeting

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24]

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Senegal, Algeria, Burkina Faso, India, the Republic of Korea, China, Malaysia, South Africa, Pakistan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Singapore, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Cameroon and the United States.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 16th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work.

Thematic discussion on item subjects

A statement was made by the representative of Mongolia.

Presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80

The representative of Ireland introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.48, and statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, France, South Africa, Chile, Pakistan, Egypt, Brazil, Mexico and India.

The representative of Poland introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.38.

The representative of New Zealand introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.11.

The representative of Nigeria introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/53/L.8, L.9 and L.29.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 12th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [82]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ukraine and Chile (also on behalf of member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), as well as Bolivia).

The representative of India (on behalf of the Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.7.

The representative of Algeria made an editorial comment about the French text of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.7, without a vote.

The Committee concluded consideration of agenda item 82.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that, as scheduled on the programme of work, the next item for consideration would be agenda item 85 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping in all their aspects). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

THIRD COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Liechtenstein, Israel and Morocco.

After a suspension of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Jordan, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

26th meeting

The Committee continued its general discussion of agenda items 108 and 109 and heard statements by the representatives of Iraq, Indonesia, Israel, the Republic of Moldova, India, Eritrea, France, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cyprus, Tunisia, Sri Lanka, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Singapore, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, the United States and El Salvador.

Right of reply

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Ethiopia and Eritrea in the exercise of the right of reply.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the items.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to modify the time limit for statements under agenda items 110 (b), (c), (d) and (e) as follows: (a) For individual delegations: speaking on one sub-item, 7 minutes; speaking on two sub-items, 10 minutes; speaking on all four sub-items, 15 minutes; (b) For groups of delegations: a maximum of 30 minutes.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 14th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), the United Kingdom, Japan, Chile, France, China and the United States.

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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twentieth session 8th meeting

Note: The summary of the 8th meeting of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/208).

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 1998

1708th and 1709th meetings

The Committee considered the draft General Comment regarding Article 12 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

MONDAY, 26 OCTOBER 1998

1710th and 1711th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Armenia (CCPR/C/92/Add.2).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 1998

1712th and 1713th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (CCPR/C/102/Add.1).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Qatar (13 October 1998)*

Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses. New York, 21 May 1997

Ratification: South Africa (26 October 1998)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Namibia (27 October 1998)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Special event

A special event will take place on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to launch the volume "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years and Beyond" published by Baywood Publishing Company, for and on behalf of the United Nations.

The event is co-sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa and Sweden, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information, as well as several non-governmental organizations.

The event will include statements of the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other contributors to the book. Ambassador William J. Vanden Heuvel, Chairman, United States Coordinating Committee for UDHR50, will be the guest speaker. All delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during the Disarmament Week of 1998 until Thursday, 29 October, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. *Today*, 28 October, there will be panels at 10 a.m. on the theme "Reducing Tension in South Africa: NGO Proposals" and at 3.15 p.m. on the theme "Emerging Partnership on Small Arms."

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Training programme

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library would like to announce the beginning of its fall Internet training programme. To register or for further information, please contact the Library (tel.: 963-7355) or send an e-mail at the following address: dhlpubh@un.org

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1998/997)*

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (sanctions review)

Other matters

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* Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	48th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/53/298/Add.2) [8].
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee [22]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/306);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.9).

(continued overleaf)

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [34]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/435);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.14).

4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference [26]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/430);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.13).

5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/419) [35].

6. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [23]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/275 and Add.1);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.15).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal meeting on agenda item 80 (Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee)

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* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the First Committee.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [85] (A/53/127, A/C.4/53/L.8)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93] (A/53/296, A/53/374, A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/69, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/124, A/53/155, A/53/168, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/396, A/53/411, A/53/412, A/53/414, A/53/416, A/53/453)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/53/267, A/53/512)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/53/407)

Introductory statements and general discussion

3 p.m.-5 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.20

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.19

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93] (A/53/296, A/53/374, A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/69, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/124, A/53/155, A/53/168, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/396, A/53/411, A/53/412, A/53/414, A/53/416, A/53/453)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/53/267, A/53/512)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/53/407)

Conclusion of general discussion

4. Macroeconomic policy questions [91] (A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/69, A/53/185, A/53/416, A/53/447 and Corr.1, A/C.2/53/4)

(a) Trade and development (A/53/15 (Parts I, II and III), A/53/510, A/53/331, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

Introductory statement by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD

5 p.m.- 6 p.m.	28th meeting (resumed)	Conference Room 2

Presentation by the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171,A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/53/489*, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9*)

2. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)] (A/53/40, (Volumes I and II*), A/53/44, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/118, A/53/125, A/53/230, A/53/253, A/53/283, A/53/339, A/53/432, A/53/469)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.15

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118] (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

Utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.4 and A/C.5/53/30)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B [145]

General discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933, A/52/575, A/52/339 and Add.1, A/52/776, A/52/777, A/52/821, A/52/1010, A/52/1020 and A/53/467)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Joint Inspection Unit [165] (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206, A/52/267 and A/53/180)

Introduction and general discussion

* To be issued.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	16th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10 and Corr.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Office accommodation at the Palais Wilson
2. Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa and Bangkok

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the "Implementation of the Outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)" will be held *today*, 29 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Giovanni Vernetti, Deputy Mayor and Commissioner for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Turin, Italy; Mr. Shabbir Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP; Mr. Millard Fuller, President, Habitat for Humanity, Professor Robert Geddes, Former President, American Institute of Architects (AIA) (New York Chapter), Professor Emeritus and former Dean, School of Architecture, Princeton University; and Dr. Irene Wiese v. Ofen, President, International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP). Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi and Acting Executive Director, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), and Mr. Burak Özügergin, Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will be co-chairs of the panel discussion. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Announcement

The compilation of proposals in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.8 on the triennial policy is available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 29 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(items 95: Triennial policy review (A/C.2/53/L.8); and item 91 (a): Transit environment in the land-locked States)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

Morning-*1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Third Committee.

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (a): Trade and development; and item 93 (e): Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(items 94: Implementation of the United Nations conventions on environment and development)

3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(items 95: Triennial policy review (A/C.2/53/L.8))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

Afternoon*6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on illicit traffic in small arms, organized by the delegation of South Africa, *today*, 29 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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A meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency", organized by the delegation of Slovenia, will be held *today*, 29 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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A meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/53/L.13 entitled "Small Arms", organized by the delegation of Japan, will be held *today*, 29 October 1998, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal consultations

The informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) will be held *today*, 29 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 30 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	30th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. Copies of the preliminary draft can be obtained in room S-2950.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, beginning on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance); Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Former Yugoslavia); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons);

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 194th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to review the draft annual report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1998/CRP.1 and CRP.2). The meeting will be open to observers.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences is open until Monday, 2 November.

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The twentieth meeting of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 175th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq an Kuwait will be held on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Room.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation, to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. The conference room will be announced in the *Journal*. A revised version of the non-paper is available for pick-up in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Seminars

A seminar on the theme "Roll Back Malaria Global Partnership", organized by WHO, UNDP, UNICEF and the World Bank, will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6. Speakers will include Mr. David Nabarro, newly appointed Project Manager of Roll Back Malaria, WHO; Mr. Ok Pannenborg, Sector Leader, Health Population and Nutrition, Africa Region, World Bank; Mr. Kopano Mukelabai, Senior Health Adviser, UNICEF; and a representative from the Social Development and Poverty Elimination Division, UNDP. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "Accounting for Gender in National Budgets", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be held on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The main speaker will be Ms. Diane Elson, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, UNIFEM. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Briefings

Ms. Catherine Bertini, Executive Director of the World Food Programme, will brief delegations of the General Assembly on "Eradicating Hunger", in connection with agenda items 95 (Operational activities for development (relief/development linkages)), 103 (Advancement of Women), 98 (Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) and 110 (b) (Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms). The briefing will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 27 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twentieth session 8th meeting

The Committee resumed its twentieth session.

The Under-Secretary-General for Public Information introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the development of a United Nations international radio broadcasting capacity (A/AC.198/1998/4).

Wednesday, 28 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

46th plenary meeting

Organization of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/53/250/Add.1) [8]

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-third session an additional item entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

The Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-third session an additional item entitled "Dialogue among civilizations" and to consider the item directly in plenary meeting.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [28]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/458);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.12)

The representative of Spain made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution (A/53/L.12)

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Tunisia, India, Egypt, Malta, Azerbaijan, Andorra, Norway, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Chile, San Marino, the Russian Federation, Jordan, Uruguay, Namibia, Bolivia, Mexico, Guatemala, Argentina, the Republic of Korea and Armenia.

47th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [28]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/458);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.12)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.12 (resolution 53/13).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 28.

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the third annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/53/429) [50]

The General Assembly took note of the third annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

The President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Senegal, Norway, the Russian Federation, Lesotho, Austria (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and Costa Rica.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 50.

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 24.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Ghana, Botswana, Norway, Brazil, Nigeria (on behalf of the African States), Uganda, the Philippines and the Russian Federation.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 17th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work.

Presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.15.

The representative of Japan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.13.

The representative of Qatar made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.3/Rev.1.

The representative of Brazil introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.37 and statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Brazil.

The representative of Panama made a statement on behalf of the Rio Group on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.37.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.17*.

The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.20/Rev.1 and a statement was made by the representative of the Netherlands.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.19.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.36.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.40.

SECOND COMMITTEE 26th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.14

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.14.

Environment and sustainable development [94]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.17

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.17.

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.15

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Australia, Canada and New Zealand, introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.15.

The representative of Barbados informed the Committee that Norway had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.16

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Benin introduced, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.16.

Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98]

Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.18

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.18, containing Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/28, entitled "International Year of Microcredit 2005", which was recommended by the Council for adoption by the General Assembly.

Training and research [96]

(a) United Nations University

The Committee began consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Rector of the United Nations University. The representative of the Joint Inspection Unit made an introductory statement and corrected the report contained in document A/53/392.

Statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela, China, India, Iceland, Turkmenistan, Tunisia, Japan, Canada, Jordan, Haiti and Guyana.

The Rector of the United Nations University made some concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 96 (a).

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [97]

The Committee began consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Chief of the Regional Commissions New York Office.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Tunisia, Qatar, Jordan and Israel.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 97.

THIRD COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Mexico, Norway (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden), Ecuador, Guatemala, the United States, Venezuela, Bolivia, Fiji, the Russian Federation, New Zealand, Ukraine and Argentina.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 14th meeting

Human resources management [119]

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 119.

Human resources management reform

The Secretary-General introduced his report on human resources management reform (A/53/414).

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Uruguay and New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand).

The Secretary-General responded to the comments made.

In connection with the address made by the Secretary-General, statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Cuba and Costa Rica.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Philippines (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Croatia, the Marshall Islands, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, China, India, Kuwait and Uganda.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee welcomed H. E. Judge Stephen Schwebel, President of the International Court of Justice, Judge Christopher Weeramantry, Vice-President, and Mr. Eduardo Valencia Ospina, Registrar of the Court.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Israel, Venezuela, Malaysia, Indonesia, Mongolia, Ethiopia, China, the Czech Republic, Italy, Germany, India and Argentina.

The President of the International Court of Justice made a statement.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 1998

1714th and 1715th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Japan (CCPR/ C/115/Add.3).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Slovenia (27 October 1998)*

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Accession: Egypt (20 October 1998)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accession: United Arab Emirates (21 October 1998)*

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Uganda (28 October 1998)

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Qatar (27 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 29 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), is holding a series of panel discussions to take place during the Disarmament Week of 1998 in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. *Today*, 29 October, there will be panels at 10 a.m. on the theme "Implementation of the CTBT and New Initiatives" and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the theme "Nuclear Disarmament: Feasible? Verifiable?"

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Special event

A special event will take place *today*, 29 October 1998, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to launch the volume "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years and Beyond" published by Baywood Publishing Company, for and on behalf of the United Nations.

The event is co-sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa and Sweden, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information, as well as several non-governmental organizations.

The event will include statements of the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other contributors to the book. Ambassador William J. Vanden Heuvel, Chairman, United States Coordinating Committee for UDHR50, will be the guest speaker. All delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Training programme

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library would like to announce the beginning of its fall Internet training programme. To register or for further information, please contact the Library (tel.: 963-7355) or send an e-mail at the following address: dhlpubh@un.org

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